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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

The Bavarian city of Nördlingen is unique. It sits in the middle of the Ries Crater, a large circular depression caused by the impact of a huge meteorite a long time ago. The immense pressure of the impact resulted in unusual crystallized rock and millions of microscopic diamonds. In the 13th century, these speckled stones were used to build St. George's Church. Visitors can see the beautiful crystal deposits in its foundation and walls. Some might say it has a heavenly foundation.

The Bible talks of a different kind of heavenly foundation. The Lord Jesus came to our world from heaven (John 3:13). When He went back into heaven after His death and resurrection, He left His followers who became the "living temple" of God, of which He is the foundation. Paul wrote, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

The church building in Bavaria is built on a foundation from pieces of rock from the physical heavens. But the Lord's church is founded on the ultimate heavenly foundation, Christ Jesus (Isa. 28:16; 1 Cor. 10:3-4).

It is unfortunate that so often we give little thought to our foundations until there is a problem. When the troubles of life come what we are built upon will determine how well we weather the storm. When your life is securely built upon Jesus as your foundation, whatever comes in life will be much easier to handle. What is your foundation?

I Quit....Joe Macer

Psalm 78:9-10 The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle; they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law.

I quit. How often have these words been spoken by you? If so, what were the circumstances that led you to say this? I have observed among young people the desire to not face anything that is tough. This can be seen in older adults as well. When a class becomes hard, do we say I quit? When a marriage is shaky, do we say I quit? When a personal goal is not going our way, do we say I quit? When the boss at work is not pleasant, do we say I quit? When our Christian life seems to be falling apart, do we tell God I quit? Many verses challenge us to persevere. When situations seem hopeless and nothing seems right then persevere. Most of the time things will turn for the better. In the world of sports, which victories are remembered? It is not the blow outs or the stomps. It is the hard fought battle where there is sweat, frustration, bruises, blood and conflict with the opponent.

The men of Ephraim had many advantages. The greatest advantage was the fact that God was with Israel. These men had bows and were excellent at using them. Fighting with bows was a great advantage verses hand to hand combat with swords and daggers. They should have been confident as well as courageous but they said I quit. Not only did they quit the battle that day but they also turned their back on God. Their actions were a tragic mistake. The Ephraimites stand as a warning to us today. The Christian life is the best life. It is not always easy but remaining faithful to the end provides us with the crown of life. The words I quit should rarely be used in our vocabulary and never spoken about our Christian walk.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
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- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead
- Jim Wilson
- Martha Wilson - NHC Columbia, RM. 132
- College Students

Janet Lamar, Gerald Boyd, father of Gary), Dennis Thrasher, father of Lisa Kelley, Jim Gannaway - friend of Cheathams, Joan Van Hooser, Aaron Way, 12 yr. old great nephew of Barry Brown - undergoing chemo, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett - NHC Hillview Rm. 100, Tristen Kelley, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Willie Farless - brother-in-law/Reba Jones, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Jennie Evans, sister/Karen Mann, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea, sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Little Gatlin Macer, Jennifer Fetters (friend/Lasater's), Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon (not doing well) - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Paula Baker - sister/Kaye Beard, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Alfred & Irma Pagel, Joan VanHooser, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Faye Kelley - Jason Kelley's aunt, Erin Morris family, Bella Huey

Parents drop off Tweens at Galaxy Lanes at 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 24. Church van will bring them back to South Gate for evening worship. Cost is \$5 for bowling and shoes.

WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST 24, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Duane Allen
 Serving:
 Sam Quirk David White
 Boyd Wood Jerry Williams
 Cody Spires Charlie Willis
 Byran Farris Jesse Gilliam
 ReadDonnie Davis
 Sermon:Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Read: Matthew 11:7-11.....Mike Lyle
 Sermon: Called By God - A Look At John The Baptizer...John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Blair Keeling
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....John Thomas

**WORKING FOR THE MASTER MEETS
 SUNDAY EVENING AFTER WORSHIP.
 MENU IS PIZZA AND SALAD.**

Ushers: John Massey, Ed Hrgrove, Corey Massey
 Greeters: Randy & Melissa Jones, Greg & Kelley Lusk
 Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

**If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Edith Burgess, Jackie Hargrove
 P.M.....Leigh Anna Pollard, Jan & Emily Thomason

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas
 Announcements/Speaker.....Tim Raines